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Community to Host National Conference

3rd Annual Best Practices in Building University/City Relations Conference

FROM CAMPUS to COUNCIL

BLENDING THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

The City of College Station, home to Texas A&M, in cooperation with Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University System, Blinn College, the City of Bryan, the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce, the Bryan-College Station Convention & Visitor's Bureau, and the Research Valley Partnership, Inc., will host the third annual University/City Relations Conference in College Station-Bryan on June 16-19, 2007. These relationships are often referred to as

Town & Gown partnerships.

The four-day conference, entitled *From Campus to Council: Blending the Best of Both Worlds*, is intended to bring together communities and universities to identify and share ideas for solving common challenges. The past two conferences were hosted by the cities of Clemson, South Carolina with Clemson University and the City of Gainesville, Florida with the University of Florida and were attended by approximately 100 participants from college

communities across the nation and Canada.

The City of College Station will host a kick-off Tailgate Party for the group at Veteran's Park on June 16. Other events during the week will be a Taste and Tour of Downtown Bryan, a tour of the Bush Library, and a variety of other speakers, tours and discussions.

This event is expected to yield many ideas for those who work in areas such as community and university relations, safety and security of students and residents, economic development and tourism and marketing opportunities as well as issues related to neighborhoods and student housing.

For more information contact Peggy Calliham at (979) 764-3499.

COLLEGE STATION OFFERS FREE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

On January 5 get a free tree in return

The City of College Station Parks and Recreation Department will host the annual Christmas tree Recycling event on January 5 at Central Park. The event will be held from noon to 5:00 p.m. and is free to the public. Central Park is located at 1000 Krenek Tap Road.

In addition to helping the community in their recycling efforts, residents who drop off their Christmas tree will receive a free tree in return! Participants of this

program will get a seedling, approximately one foot in height, to plant at their home. These trees can help residents improve their landscaping and as the tree matures, its shade will help reduce electric bills.

The event is also being presented by the Brazos County 4H Equestrian Club. Club members will be at the event to help process Christmas trees, distribute the free one foot tree seedlings and provide

information on planting tips.

Do not miss out on this great opportunity to be a part of this community-wide recycling effort and to get your free tree!

For more information, please contact the College Station Parks and Recreation Department at (979) 764-3486.



The College Station Parks and Recreation Department offers a great variety of recreation and fitness classes to kick off 2008!

There is Youth and Adult Spring Tennis Lessons, Spring Swim Lessons, Winter Water Fitness and the Tiny Tennis program for parents and beginners for children ages 4 to 5. Also, the city's awesome Xtra Education Spring classes will get into full gear in the spring. Registration for the spring programs starts on January 2. Classes and programs fill up quick, so be sure to sign up early. For information on class fees and details of each program please contact the Recreation Office at (979) 764-3486. Remember, registration by phone is an option by using your MasterCard, Visa, or Discover credit cards.

Mark Your Calendar:

January 2 - Spring registration begins for Parks & Recreation Department programs/classes.

January 9, 16, 23 and 30 - Series of public information meetings by the city to engage citizen input on Capital Improvement Plans. Location and times TBA.

January 10 - City Council Workshop (3:00 p.m.) & City Council Regular Meeting (7:00 p.m.) *Note: Dates & times subject to change.* Watch workshop and meetings LIVE on CS-TV19 or online at www.cstx.gov

January 21 - City Hall Closed (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

January 24 - City Council Workshop (3:00 p.m.) & City Council Regular Meeting (7:00 p.m.) *Note: Dates & times subject to change.* Watch workshop and meetings LIVE on CS-TV19 or online at www.cstx.gov

Here is a quick snapshot of the spring programs being offered:

☐ Xtra Education

Look for the city's Xtra Education brochure coming in mid-January. Xtra Education is a cooperative venture sponsored by the College Station Parks and Recreation Department and the College Station School District. College Station offers quality educational/recreational programs that will entertain and educate. Classes offered include Dance, Exercise, Crafts, Languages, Computer, Gardening, Sewing, Crochet, Quilting, Pottery, Floral Arranging and so much more! Gift certificates are available, and make a great birthday gift. To get on the city's mailing list for the Xtra Education brochure and for more information, call the Parks Office at (979) 764-3486.

☐ Fitness Water Aerobics

The city is offering this outstanding program now until February 28. The program is held Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the CSISD Natatorium, which is located at 900 Rock Prairie Road in College Station. Enjoy all the stretching, strengthening, toning and aerobics exercises - all without getting your hair wet! It's a super way to stay in shape and kick off the new year after a busy holiday season! NIGHT WATER FITNESS COMING IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

☐ Spring Team Tennis

This program is for adults and youth - 4 years and older. It provides training for beginners all the way to those with advanced skills. The city has three sessions: Session I is January 15 to February 7; Session II is February 11 to March 6; Session III is March 17 to April 10. Team tennis is a great way to stay fit, and make new friends on the court. This program is held at Southwood/Hallaran Courts, located at 1600 Rock Prairie Road in College Station. Classes are held at various times in the evening Monday through Thursday.

☐ Swim Lessons

This program offers residents an opportunity to improve physical fitness and increase water safety. There are three sessions to choose



from; Session I is January 15 through February 7 and is held at the CSISD Natatorium; Session II is February 11 through March 6 and is held at the CSISD Natatorium; Session III is scheduled for March 17 through April 10 and is set for the Natatorium and other locations to be announced.

☐ Spring Tiny Tennis

This program is an exciting way for 4 and 5 year old beginners and parents to enjoy tennis. The classes will cover skills such as catching and throwing skills, stretch exercises, an introduction to the racket,



neat racket games, and motor skills development. There are also relay races and lots of other fun for participants. This is a great chance to make new friends in the community. All classes are at the Southwood Tennis Courts. There are three sessions: Session I is January 15 through Feb 7; Session II is February 11 through March 6; and Session III is March 17 through April 10.

Joyner Named College Station 2007 Employee of the Year

The City of College Station held its 2007 Employee Recognition Banquet on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at the College Station Hilton and Conference Center. Kevin Joyner, Systems Analyst in the Information Technology Department was honored as 2007 Employee of the Year.

Joyner has worked for the city for seven years and is an employee who comes to work and leaves with a smile on his face. Kevin is always happy to help his fellow employees with their technical problems and never too busy for a friendly chat. He is the kind of employee with whom everyone enjoys working. The city also honored 95 employees for a total of 660 years of public service as College Station employees.



City Manager Glenn Brown presents 2007 Employee of the Year Award to Kevin Joyner.